PXU Student Contact-Tracing Protocols

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We appreciate you for your support and cooperation during the launch of the 2021-2022 school year. The support from the school community for our students, teachers, and staff embodies #ThisIsWhoWeAre and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve you. The purpose of this document is to inform students and their families about the health, safety, and academic support for students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following chart is intended to provide direction to PXU families when a student, parent/guardian, or another source discloses that a student has a positive diagnosis of COVID, when a student has been in close contact with a person with COVID, or when a student presents with COVID like symptoms.

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Disclosure Positive COVID-19

Positive: A positive diagnosis of COVID-19

Student On-Campus: Staff will notify dispatch (security) or the nurse for an escort to the designated campus *wait area*

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Student Off-Campus: Staff will report the information immediately to a site administrator

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Close Contact

Close Contact: Within 6 ft. of a person with COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, OR had physical contact with a person with COVID-19, *regardless of whether masks were worn.*

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Symptomatic

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Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and may include:

Cough • Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing
Fever or Chills • Muscle or Body Aches • Headache
Fatigue (not a sole symptom in a school setting)
Nasea or Vomiting, Diarrhea • Sore Throat, Congestion or
Runny Nose • New Loss of Taste or Smell

Isolation and Quarantine

PXU utilizes isolation and quarantine protocols according to Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. The charts below outline steps that are taken to address COVID-19 for PXU students.

Positive Case	**ISOLATION DAYS BEGIN:** Isolation begins on the day after the onset of symptoms or the day after the date of positive test. **ISOLATION DAYS END:** Isolation ends 10 calendar days after the onset of symptoms or 10 calendar days after the date of a positive test.
CLOSE CONTACT	**QUARANTINE DAYS BEGIN:** Quarantine begins the day after exposure to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. ***Verification of vaccine status and presentation of symptoms determine the need to quarantine*** **QUARANTINE DAYS END:** Quarantine ends 10 calendar days after exposure to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.
Symptomatic	**ISOLATION DAYS BEGIN:** Isolation begins on the day after the report of the onset of symptoms. **ISOLATION DAYS END:** Isolation may last up to 10 calendar days depending on tests results or another diagnosis by a physician.
SELF-MONITORING BEGINS	**SELF-MONITORING BEGINS:** Self-monitoring begins upon notification of possible exposure to a person who is positive for COVID-19.

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Students need to SELF-MONITOR

All PXU students are asked to self-monitor for Covid like symptoms. Parents and guardians shall call the school office to report an absence. Please include the student name, ID (if available), reason for the absence, date of absence and a current phone number.

➔ Please check pxu.org or click **known positive cases** to find the current number of positive cases in PXU.

Vaccination

The Phoenix Union High School District (PXU) and partners have administered over **30,000 COVID vaccines** to the community since January.

PXU has begun offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at all campuses on a rotational basis. If a student would like to receive the vaccine, they will need to have their parent sign our **Informed Consent form**. (**Spanish Version**). See our website for the full schedule.

Attendance

As a reminder, we ask each teacher to ensure attendance is taken each period and that seating charts are utilized. This information is vital for COVID-19 contact tracing. A new attendance code is now utilized for Student Contact Tracing, or **SCT**. This code is designed for office use only and provides teachers with notification of an excused absence. Student attendance may be coded **SCT** under the direction of an administrator for one of the following reasons:

- When a student presents as symptomatic for COVID-19
- When a student has been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19 or
- When a student has been diagnosed with COVID-19

Return to Campus Procedures

Verification of vaccine status may affect the established return date.

- The Nurse / Registration Office Staff / Campus Administrator calls the parent/guardian at least 24 hours ahead of the established return date to complete the **Return to Campus Survey**[1]
- The student is cleared to return to school, or a new return date is established based on the responses to the Return to Campus Survey
- The Registration Office Staff will update the SCT code, based on the return to campus date
- The student must report to the Nurse's office upon returning to campus (before attending classes) for final clearance and a check-in
- If a student who is marked SCT shows up to class, the teacher will notify the security office. Security will escort the student to the Nurse / Established Campus Location to clear the student to return to campus. The SCT code will be removed when the student is cleared

[1] **Return to Campus Survey**

1. Has your child been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications? Yes No

   If the answer is 'no,' the student cannot return to school until the response to this question is 'yes.'

2. Have other symptoms of COVID-19 improved? Yes No

   If the answer is 'no,' the student cannot return to school until the response to this question is 'yes.'

3. Has your child been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days? Yes No
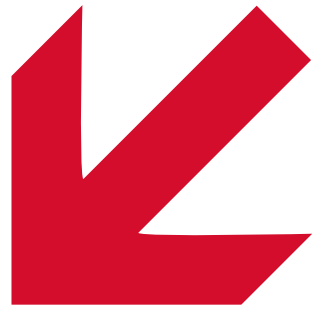
   If the answer is 'yes,' please contact the district response team to assist you in determining the new return date.

Academic Support and Continuity of Services
for Quarantined Students

If a quarantine situation occurs as a result of COVID-19 exposure, we understand that it may cause disruption to the student's academic progress, and we are prepared to provide support. If a student cannot attend school in person due to quarantining protocols, we have the following in place to assist with the continuation of learning:

- Students may make-up the work missed during quarantine. Assignments and coursework shall be accessible to students digitally (e.g., Teams, StudentVUE, Microsoft Office365 apps, Canvas).
- Students are encouraged to access available coursework digitally in order to maintain current with the course. A student may reach out to their teachers virtually during quarantine to ask for support in making up work.
- Advisory period is also available for students to receive support from teachers and for assistance in making up work if needed.
- Any student who misses school is encouraged to take advantage of the online resources and digital course materials that are available to them.
- Students who receive special education and related services will be contacted by their campus regarding access to IEP services.

PXU continues to explore and implement practices for students to continue learning while quarantined. We thank you in advance for your assistance with this situation and invite you to contact the school if you have any questions.

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